GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a): the largest producing fruit and vegetables State in the country;

(b): the annual production of fruit and vegetables during the last three years, state-wise;

(c): the details of the per capita availability of fruit and vegetables in the country;

(d) whether the prices of fruit and vegetables have increased substantially;

(e): if so, whether the Government have fixed the support price of fruit and vegetables, specially support prices of potatoes and onions;

(f): the name of the States sought financial assistance to attain self-sufficiency in vegetables and fruit production;
(g): the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of fruit and vegetables; and
(h): items and amount of vegetables exported during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) As per the latest available information for the year 1998-99, Maharashtra is the largest producer of fruits and West Bengal is the largest producer of vegetables.

(b) The available information on the annual production of fruits and vegetables for three years from 1996-97 is given in the statement at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(c) The per capita availability of fruits and vegetables is estimated at 85 grams/day and 175 grams/day respectively.

(d) No report has been received by the Government regarding substantial increase in the price of fruits and vegetables.

(e) No support price has been fixed for fruits and vegetables. However, the horticultural crops including fruits and vegetables are covered under the Market Intervention Scheme, wherein market operation is done on the request of the State Governments.

(f) & (g) There has been no specific demand from any State for providing financial assistance with a viewto obtain self-sufficiency in production of fruits and vegetables. However, assistance for production of fruits and vegetables is being provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plans.

(h): The details of export of vegetables during the last three years are given in the statement at Annexure-III.

Annexure-I

PRODUCTION OF FRUITS IN INDIA (000 MT)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	5657.7	5899.1	4589.6
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	87.9	87.9	91.6
ASSAM	1229.0	1220.4	1249.5
BIHAR	2752.2	3755.4	3797.2
DELHI	0.3	0.3	1.0
GOA	93.5	84.6	96.9
GUJARAT	1820.0	2267.8	2293.5
HARYANA	150.9	176.0	192.4
HIMACHAL PRADESH	375.1	303.2	448.0
JAMMU & KASHMIR	945.4	1047.4	881.1
KARNATAKA	5133.6	5446.3	5446.3
KERALA	1826.0	1826.0	1621.2
MADHYA PRADESH	1127.0	1184.0	1374.4
MAHARASHTRA	6333.1	6473.2	7521.7
MANIPUR	111.0	111.0	115.3

MEGHALAYA	239.0	186.4	186.4
MIZORAM	66.0	69.0	76.8
NAGALAND	168.8	189.7	152.0
ORISSA	1342.4	1511.8	1718.4
PUNJAB	813.5	813.5	844.7
RAJASTHAN	267.2	277.9	310.3
SIKKIM	12.5	13.2	8.3
TAMIL NADU	3862.7	3683.8	5447.6
TRIPURA	400.9	400.9	372.1
U.P (HILLS)	510.2	515.3	520.4
U.P (PLAINS)	4045.1	4293.0	3097.8
WEST BENGAL	1035.1	1373.6	1536.0
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	16.7	16.7	16.7
CHANDIGARH	3.3	3.2	3.2
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	7.1	7.7	7.1
DAMAN & DIU	3.4	3.4	3.4
LAKSHADWEEP	0.7	0.7	0.7
PONDICHERRY	20.8	20.8	20.8
TOTAL	40458.1	43263.2	44042.4

Annexure-II

PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES IN INDIA (000 MT)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	1895.0	2252.2	3541.2
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	80.5	80.9	80.9
ASSAM	2074.1	2180.2	2834.8
BIHAR	8235.7	8266.2	9418.4
DELHI	470.7	329.0	651.9
GOA	68.0	69.4	70.0
GUJARAT	2179.4	2176.9	3255.0
HARYANA	1385.5	1290.4	1850.0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	569.0	606.4	606.4
JAMMU & KASHMIR	328.9	395.1	606.9
KARNATAKA	4978.7	4944.9	4944.9
KERALA	2790.0	2789.5	2857.2
MADHYA PRADESH	2889.5	2748.7	3276.2
MAHARASHTRA	4275.4	3317.2	4479.5
MANIPUR	53.1	53.1	45.0
MEGHALAYA	412.2	308.6	308.7
MIZORAM	49.6	47.5	62.4
NAGALAND	188.4	204.2	313.3
ORISSA	8746.0	9656.6	10087.1
PUNJAB	1612.9	1634.6	1906.3
RAJASTHAN	389.0	321.9	396.1
SIKKIM	54.0	57.6	42.2
TAMIL NADU	3990.3	4085.4	5704.8
TRIPURA	358.4	358.6	232.8
U.P (HILLS)	807.8	792.6	840.7
U.P (PLAINS)	12446.8	8623.4	12680.6
WEST BENGAL	13670.8	15016.0	16367.4
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	15.8	15.8	15.8
CHANDIGARH	10.2	11.5	11.5
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	13.5	13.5	13.5
DAMAN & DIU	1.0	1.0	1.0
LAKSHADWEEP	0.7	0.7	
PONDICHERRY	33.5	33.5	33.5
TOTAL	75074.4	72683.1	87536.0

Annexure-III

EXPORT OF VEGETABLES FROM INDIA

(Quantity (Qty.) in thousand tonnes and Value in Lakh Rs.)

ITEM	Quantity and Value of Exports					
	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Fresh Onion	333.35	20246.09	215.69	17604.72	NA	19755.21
Other Fresh Veg.	11407.08	64.65	10233.37	NA		14968.19